

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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I already see a couple of postings regarding lines 330-338 in reference to femoral lines and the contradiction to use or not use.

Please clarify the following as well:

424-425 Prepare clean skin with 70% alcohol before peripheral venous catheter insertion [139]. Category IA

452-454 While 2% chlorhexidine has become a standard antiseptic for skin preparation for the insertion of both central and peripheral venous catheters, 5% povidone iodine solution in 70% ethanol was associated with a substantial reduction of CVC-related colonization and infection compared with 10% aqueous povidone iodine [145].

If the standard has become chlorhexidine, why is the recommendation to use 70% alcohol for peripheral catheter insertion?

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